

Remarks:

Claims 1, and 4-8 remain for consideration in this application with claim 1 being in independent format. Claims 2, and 12-17 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional or continuation applications directed towards the subject matter of these non-elected claims. In compliance with the Examiner's suggestion, applicants have also amended the specification to make reference to PCT/US96/04674.

The Office Action, dated September 15, 2005, indicated claims 1, and 4-8 as being allowed. Because these are the only claims pending in the present application, applicants respectfully assert that all rejections have been overcome.

In view of the forgoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited.

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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